

UNIT 11

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11.0 OBJECTIVES

In this unit we shall give you practice in listening comprehension by presenting a recorded lecture and setting questions on comprehension. We shall also ask you to study a dialogue between two passengers on a railway train and write a similar dialogue of your own.

In the section on pronunciation we shall give you a list of English consonant sounds and the symbols used for them in dictionaries.

After completing the unit you should be able to

- understand a lecture on a matter of general interest,
- take part in a conversation with people you happen to meet, and
- use the correct consonant sounds in English words.

Cassette Recording

A cassette recording accompanies this unit and is available on payment.

11.1 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen carefully to this lecture which has been recorded for you on a cassette. Before you listen, look at Exercise 1 given below. Then take down notes while you listen, keeping the exercise in mind. After you complete Exercise 1, listen to the lecture again in sections. Pause after each section and do the exercise related to it.

Exercise 1

- 1 Tick (✓) the right answer. The lecture is about
- a) the burden of women. ()
 - b) the burden of rural women in poor countries. ()
 - c) the burden of women in villages. ()
 - d) the disadvantages of being a woman. ()
- 2 The speaker has given a number of reasons why he feels that the advancement of rural women is very necessary. From among the following statements tick (✓) the reasons that you think the speaker has given.
- a) The rural women are heavily burdened. ()
 - b) They are involved in subsistence economy. ()

2 Fill in the blanks :

A survey of employment in Kenya shows that while actually

- (a) of the women form part of the labour force, only
- (b) of them were listed as (c),
- and (d) were ignored.

3 The speaker shows the primitive state of the technology used by rural women by giving the example of the village girl drawing water from a well and carrying a jar on her head. What is the advantage that the city girl has in this respect?

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4 Why is the rural woman unable to fight a political battle for herself?

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11.2 CONVERSATION

Learning a language means not just having the ability to understand it when it is spoken, but learning how to do things with that language, such as

- asking for permission
- giving or refusing permission
- warning someone
- expressing likes and dislikes
- agreeing or disagreeing with someone
- apologizing to someone, etc.

In other words, when you learn a language you need to learn how to perform these various functions correctly.

Exercise 6

One of the questions people often ask you is :
What do you like doing in your spare time?

Here are some of the answers for you to practise :

- 1 I'm fond of plays. So I go to the theatre quite a lot.
- 2 I'm keen on sports. So I go and watch cricket and hockey whenever I get a chance.
- 3 I'm interested in electronics. I build model cars and aeroplanes.
- 4 I like Indian classical music. So I listen to the music programmes on radio and television.
- 5 I like playing tennis and go to the club every evening to have a game.
- 6 I'm fond of Hindi films and go to the movies quite a lot.
- 7 I'm keen on keeping fit. So I do yoga exercises every morning.
- 8 I enjoy reading modern fiction and have a large collection of books.
- 9 I'm fond of painting. I paint natural scenery, particularly the mountains.
- 10 I'm fond of sightseeing and often go to places of interest in and around our city.

Exercise 7

Read this conversation between two passengers on a railway train, and listen to it on the cassette. Then practise reading it aloud.

- A : Are you also going to Delhi?
 B : Yes.
 A : D'you live in Delhi or are you just visiting it?

- c) They are neglected by the males. ()
- d) They are the main factor responsible for better food production, smaller families and more successful development strategy. ()
- e) About 90 per cent of them work. ()
- f) They are the central figure for food production both for the country as well as the family. ()
- g) They are bound by tradition, superstition and ignorance. ()
- h) Modernization seems hardly to have reached them. ()
- i) They are too disadvantaged to fight policy makers. ()

3 What do you think is the speaker's attitude?

Tick (✓) the right answer.

- a) He is presenting a factual report. ()
- b) He is making an emotional appeal. ()
- c) He is doing both (a) and (b). ()

Now listen to the lecture in short sections. Pause after each section and answer the question(s) related to the section you have just heard.

Section A

Exercise 2

Complete the following .

The advancement of rural women will lead to

- a)
- b)
- c) a successful development strategy.

Section B

Now listen to Section B and answer the following question.

Exercise 3

Fill in the blank spaces in the following:

Rural women till the (a), which are so important for the family (b) They are also responsible for at least (c) in the country.

Section C

Exercise 4

Now listen to Section C of the lecture and answer the following question :

Give three reasons why rural women can be called backward.

- a)
- b)
- c) imprisoned by ignorance

Section D

Exercise 5

Now you will listen to a larger section. You may have to listen to it more than once to answer the following questions:

1 What four reasons does the speaker give to show that women are neglected?

- i) (a) in (b) planning bodies.
- ii) Important (a) are held by (b)
- iii) Primitive (a) is used by women.
- iv) Rural women are too (a) to bring about a (b)

of English words from *Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English* and *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English*.

English has 24 consonant sounds. These are listed below and have been recorded for you on the cassette. Listen to each sound and a key word in which it occurs.

	Symbol	Key word
1	/p/	pen
2	/b/	back
3	/t/	tea
4	/d/	day
5	/k/	key
6	/g/	gay
7	/tʃ/	cheer
8	/dʒ/	jump
9	/f/	few
10	/v/	view
11	/θ/	thing
12	/ð/	then
13	/s/	soon
14	/z/	zero
15	/ʃ/	fishing
16	/ʒ/	pleasure
17	/h/	hot
18	/m/	sum
19	/n/	sun
20	/ŋ/	sung
21	/l/	led
22	/r/	red
23	/j/	yet
24	/w/	wet

Notice that the symbols for the consonants 1-6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 24 are the same as the letters of the alphabet. Only eight symbols are new and have to be learnt.

Exercise 9

Here are 10 words. You can listen to them on the cassette. Write down the symbols for the consonant sounds in these words. After you have checked your answers with those given by us at the end of the unit, say the words with the correct vowel and consonant sounds.

- 1 thief 2 catch 3 yard 4 there
 5 lamp 6 measure 7 zoo 8 share
 9 song 10 joy

Exercise 10

Given below are eight pairs of words, and the words in each pair differ in only one consonant sound. You can listen to these words on the cassette.

Write down the symbols for the consonant sounds that bring about the difference.

- 1 peas, peace
 2 jew, zoo
 3 sew, show
 4 pact, fact
 5 vine, wine
 6 go, know
 7 harm, charm
 8 ledger, leisure

After you have checked your answers with those given by us, say each pair, bringing out the difference clearly.

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After you have checked your answers, say each word with the correct pronunciation.

11.4 LET US SUM UP

In this unit we have

- given you practice in listening to a recorded lecture and understanding it,
- presented a specimen dialogue between two passengers on a railway train and given you practice in writing a similar dialogue,
- given you a list of English consonant sounds and the symbols used for them in some dictionaries.

11.5 KEY WORDS

'consonant: a speech sound produced by a complete or partial stoppage of the breath

'dialogue: a conversation

'lecture: a talk for the purpose of teaching

'symbol: a sign looked upon as representing something

11.6 SUGGESTED READING

Sarah Freeman: *Study Strategies in English*, Orient Longman

11.7 ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

Exercise 1

- 1 b)
- 2 d) and f)
- 3 c)

Exercise 2

- a) better food
- b) smaller family

Exercise 3

- a) kitchen gardens
- b) diet
- c) 50 per cent of food production

Exercise 4

- a) bound by tradition
- b) chained by superstition

Exercise 5

- 1 i) a) male dominance b) national
 ii) a) jobs b) males
 iii) a) technology
 iv) a) suppressed b) change in policy

- 2 a) 90 per cent
- b) 40 per cent
- c) employed
- d) the rest
- 3 There are taps for water, so the city girl does not waste so much energy and time to collect water as the village girl does.
- 4 Because she is suppressed by law and custom and by poverty and illiteracy.

Exercise 9

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| 1 θ-f | 2 k-tʃ | 3 j-d |
| 4 ð - | 5 l-mp | 6 m-ʒ |
| 7 z- | 8 ʃ- | 9 s-ŋ |
| 10 dʒ- | | |

Exercise 10

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| 1 z/s | 2 dʒ/z | 3 s/ʃ | 4 p/f |
| 5 v/w | 6 ɹ/n | 7 h/tʃ | 8 dʒ/ʒ |

Exercise 11

- a) ocean, dictionary, scissors, pressure, decision
- b) quality, crown, language, whether, whose, question, blow
- c) think, this, others, theft, thought, then, therefore
- d) shepherd, conference, geography, afraid, stuff, although, of
- e) ear, few, lower, year, day, cure, toy, future

Exercise 12

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| a) | /s/ | /z/ |
| | dice | raise |
| | reverse | as |
| | loose | laws |
| | ass | rivers |
| | loss | lose |
| b) | /ʃ/ | /ʒ/ |
| | promotion | pleasure |
| | shore | garage |
| | special | |
| | assure | |
| | fresh | |
| c) | /n/ | /ŋ/ |
| | tenth | link |
| | listen | finger |
| | known | hang |
| | knob | uncle |
| | knock | song |

Exercise 13

- 1 /əb'dʒektɪvz/
- 2 /kə'set/
- 3 /,kɒmpri'therfən/
- 4 /,kɒnvə'seɪʃən/
- 5 /prə'nʌnsɪ'eɪʃən/
- 6 /'ɪŋɡlɪʃ/
- 7 /'kɒnsənənts/
- 8 /'ɑːnsəz/
- 9 /'eksəsətɪz/
- 10 /'juːnɪt/